



CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.

## CHAS. FRANCIS ADAMS COMING HERE FOR TAFT

Accepts Invitation Extended by 121 Representative Citizens to Discuss Issues of National Campaign at Academy of Music Saturday Night.

Responding to an invitation extended by 121 representative citizens of Richmond, Hon. Charles Francis Adams, of Boston, will deliver an address at the Academy of Music on Saturday evening, in which he will discuss the issues of the national campaign with special reference to the reasons why Mr. Taft should be elected. The exact plans for the event have not been announced, though it is stated that Mr. Adams will be introduced by a man not identified with Republican politics in Virginia.

**Urged to Speak Here.**  
The invitation was conveyed in the following letter:

"The undersigned citizens of Richmond, Va., without regard to political affiliations, respectfully extend to you a cordial invitation to address the people of this city in the near future, upon the issues of the present campaign, with special reference to the conditions existing in this and other Southern States."

"During the past forty years the people of Virginia and of the South have been called upon to solve many difficult political and economic problems resulting from the Civil War. The stress of these conditions has resulted in the maintenance of the so-called 'Solid South,' without regard to the views of individuals upon national issues."

"This want of division upon economic questions, and of independent thought and action in political affairs, has resulted in a loss of influence in national councils, which is recognized by all thoughtful people of the Southern States. It is the duty of the people of this State to make heretofore made political division."

"We trust, therefore, that this invitation may receive your favorable consideration. In that event, we suggest the evening of Saturday, October 24th, as the date for your address, if this will suit your convenience."

**Has Distinguished Record.**  
The distinguished citizen of Massachusetts has taken a prominent part in the questions of the day, the greater part of his life during recent years being devoted to the writing of historical papers. Mr. Adams served in the Union Army, and was breveted brigadier-general in 1865. At one time he was president of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

**Squirrel Davis Is Landed Again**  
Burglar, Suspected of Bachrach and Tragle Drugstore Robberies, Under Arrest in Petersburg.

Charles Edwards, alias Squirrel Davis, one of the most noted of Richmond burglars, again faces the penitentiary, according to a telegram which Captain Tomlinson received yesterday from the Pittsburgh authorities, stating that he had been caught in the act of robbing a jewelry store in that city. Captain Tomlinson wired a description and an account of the man's history. They will not be in his favor.

Interest is given to the arrest of Davis because of the fact that he was suspected of being the man, who on the night of August 25th entered and robbed Bachrach's loan office and pawnshop and the Tragle Company's drug store, on Broad Street. It was generally thought that it looked like Squirrel's work, but he left no clue other than the comparison between this and other jobs which he is known to have committed.

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**V. M. I. Smoker.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, Va., October 18.—The local alumni association of the Virginia Military Institute will tender an informal smoker at the Piedmont Club Monday night to General E. W. Nichols, superintendent of the Institute. The smoker will be for the purpose of arousing more interest in the Institute among former cadets in Lynchburg.

**Lynchburg Historical Society.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, Va., October 18.—A meeting has been called to take place at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday evening for the purpose of organizing a Lynchburg Historical Society. The purpose of the organization will be to record the events of the city and to mark localities of interest in and contiguous to the city.

## BROKE SPEED LAW AS BULLETS FLEW

Crack of Revolvers Startles Folk, While Davis Raced Against Time for Liberty

FROM STATION TO SHOCKOE

Dope Prisoner Escapes, but Officers Nab Him as He Swims to Other Side.

With apparently only one chance before him to escape the penitentiary, Andrew Thompson, colored, took that early yesterday afternoon, when, following his arrest on a charge of selling cocaine, he fled through an open door in the First Police Station, out to the street, where he ran like a frightened deer, and down to Shockoe Creek, near the jail, into which he floundered and where he was caught.

The evidence against Thompson and his consort, Annie Taylor, was dead against them. Both were caught in the act, it is alleged, by five officers—Johnson, Duke, Dugan, Chatterton and Gary—enough to send almost any man to the penitentiary for life.

Both were taken into the First Station at 1 o'clock, and it was while Annie was being searched before she was locked up, the man took a long shot—and lost.

**Believed in Open Door.**  
Before him was an open door and a long avenue to escape. Again, before him in prospect lay another door, wherefrom the exit might not be until the mists in Andrew's head were fewer and more gray. Like Hamlet he mused on the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, and that momentous question "to be, or not to be." In a second he had decided "not to be," having in mind the penitentiary, of course, and out he fled into the light and sunshine of the autumn day. He was hopeful, and he put his best leg foremost. But he had hardly reached the door before a Policeman, Dugan's revolver began to bark, and the bullets whistled shrilly around the flying negro's head. He ducked at every shot for the short distance from the station to the corner, turning at Seventeenth, and then he darted away.

"Them balls 'round my hald is mighty uncomfortable," he thought to himself as he urged shanks's mare to do her best.

The sound of the fusillade aroused the neighborhood, and Andrew had not traveled far when he looked back and saw in pursuit. Pot shots were taken at him as he raced up Seventeenth Street, and people attracted to his windows thought it was some Nubian Rector going against time up the popular thoroughfare. "Go it, boy," they yelled out. And he went. Another shot rang out, and Andrew's windows. But it was exciting. "Shure, it's a gran' race they're makin'," said an Irishman, as he watched the fleet-footed negro turn the corner up to the jail. Behind were Dugan and Chatterton going some.

**Plunged into Creek.**  
Andrew neared the creek. He didn't hesitate, as Caesar did at the brink of the Rubicon. He cast his die without thought. He floundered in and was half way across the perilous stream when Chatterton plunged in after him. "Halt!" cried the officer, feebly. He was out of breath. But the negro pulled for the other side. He stumbled. "All right," he muttered. Another second he staggered, and he fell headlong into the stream. Chatterton was on him in a moment.

"Consider yourself under arrest," he spluttered.

"Satisfy," replied the negro. "With pleasure."

His finger was broken. Whether it was broken by one of Dugan's shots or in his fall, he did not know. He was taken back to the station, where he was soon behind the bars with his Annie. It is all up, but it had been a great race.

**HEALTH OF CHILDREN**  
School Board Asks Co-operation in Securing Best Results.

At a meeting of the City School Board to be held on Thursday night of this week, the question of the health of pupils in the schools will be taken up. At a recent meeting the board requested Dr. H. H. Greer, Levy to make some recommendations as to the care and safeguarding of the children, and it is expected that his report will form the basis of an ordinance to be sent to the City Council for approval, providing for a physical examination of children on entrance to the public schools, and for periodical examination of the eyes and throat by competent physicians. Under existing regulations a compulsory vaccination is made as far as the School Board has authority to go. Any child who seems ailing or feverish may be sent home by the principal, and be excluded from the school until it appears to be in good health again, but it is claimed that under existing laws the school authorities have no right to do more.

**CATCH POOR TOBY ROSS**  
Sunday Saloon in the Ward Was Flourishing When Officers Broke It Up.

Tobias Ross (colored) met with a piece of misfortune yesterday morning while conducting his Sunday saloon quietly out in the city. The place was flourishing, for the trade, considering the day, has been good, remarkably good. Customers found the beer refreshing, and several smashed their lips over the choice brand of liquors he put before them.

But Officers Wiley and Newman came along, and they brought some disappointment to Tobias and his customers. They gathered him in, and also four cases of beer and several flasks of whiskey.

**MORE CRAP-SHOOTERS**  
Police Call on Gamblers and Beat Them With Loaded Dice.

James Gordon and nine other negroes were caught early yesterday morning in a crap game at No. 423 North Seventeenth Street. Sergeant Amos and Policemen Jennings, Tally and Goidysy called on the gamblers, and asked for a hand. The dice were loaded, and the negroes had to quit for lack of funds. They had no change, and the kind-hearted officers took them round to the First Police Station, where comfortable quarters were given them. They seemed grateful, though they owe the city something over \$5 each.

**Annex to St. James Church.**  
Plans have been drawn for an extensive addition to St. James Methodist Church, corner of Twenty-ninth and Marshall Streets, the annex to include rooms for the Sunday school and church parlors. Work will begin at once, at a cost of about \$8,000.

**UNIFORM LOSS \$2,000**  
Blues Send Claim to Railroad for Damage at New Haven.

After a thorough examination of each company's uniforms and equipment, the quartermaster sergeants of the three companies of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, have finally ascertained exactly what was lost in the fire occurred, and that a settlement will be promptly made.

The three companies lost a number of full dress helmets and uniforms, but most of the loss was due to the destruction of the olive drab service uniform. Some of the property destroyed belonged to the government.

**Get Six Crapshooters.**  
Six colored crapshooters were captured early yesterday morning in a house near Oliver and Broad Streets by Sergeant Martin and Officers Schleif, Belton and Tiller. They were taken completely by surprise. One attempted to jump out of a second story window, but Sergeant Martin warned him from the street that it would be useless to try, and he changed his mind and went back into the room.

## OFFICERS OF THE STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY



DR. J. B. FISHER, Vice-President. DR. W. F. DREWRY, President. DR. H. R. DUPUY, Vice-President. DR. E. J. GREGORY, Vice-President. DR. LONDON B. EDWARDS, Secretary.

## DOCTORS CONVENE TO-MORROW NIGHT

State Medical Society to Hold Its Thirty-Ninth Annual Session Here.

With an attendance of physicians from all sections of the State, the Medical Society of Virginia will assemble in Richmond for its thirty-ninth annual meeting to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Jefferson auditorium. Dr. William F. Drewry, superintendent of the Central State Hospital, at Petersburg, will preside and, following an invocation from the Rev. James W. Morris, D. D., an address of welcome will be delivered by Mayor Richardson. The response will be by Dr. Rawley W. Martin. The annual address of the president will be followed by Virginia doctors, summing up the work of the year, and the transaction of miscellaneous business.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be largely taken up with the reading of papers of a technical nature, designed to show to the profession the progress of medical science. While a number of these papers will be by distinguished visitors from out of the State, on subjects of which they have made special study, a number will be by Virginia doctors, which are the experience of actual practice during the past year, and giving to the profession in the various branches of medicine and surgery, which are constantly becoming more and more specialized.

**Clinics at Hospitals.**  
Clinics will be held at the Memorial and the Virginia Hospitals daily at such hours as will not interfere with the sessions of the association, and will prove of the greatest interest, especially to practitioners in the country and small towns, who are more or less cut off from the advantages of hospital practice.

A number of social features have been planned for the entertainment of the visiting physicians. Headquarters will be maintained at the Jefferson Hotel, where all of the meetings will be held.

The officers of the society are: President, Dr. William Francis Drewry, Petersburg; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Floyd J. Gregory, Keyesville; Dr. J. B. Fisher, Middleburg, and Dr. H. R. Dupuy, Norfolk; Secretary, Dr. London B. Edwards, Richmond; Treasurer, Dr. R. M. Slaughter, Theological Seminary; Executive Committee, Dr. Paulus A. Irving, chairman, Richmond.

**Committees and Councilors.**  
Judiciary Committee—Dr. J. R. Gledersleeve, chairman, Tazewell; Membership Committee—Dr. W. D. Turner, chairman, Shalby; Legislative Committee—Dr. J. B. De Shazo, chairman, Ridgeway; Local Committee of Arrangements—Dr. Stuart McGuire, chairman; Drs. Ennion G. Williams, George Ben Johnson, McGuire Newton, C. R. Robins, R. D. Garvin, W. F. Mercer, M. W. Poyser, T. A. Parker and B. L. Tallaferr.

The following are the nominees for district councilors:  
First District—Dr. Clarence Porter Jones, Newport News.  
Second District—Dr. E. E. Field, Norfolk.  
Third District—Dr. A. L. Gray, Richmond.  
Fourth District—Dr. S. A. Hinton, Petersburg.  
Fifth District—Dr. J. M. Shackelford, Martinsville.  
Sixth District—Dr. George J. Tompkins, Lynchburg.  
Seventh District—Dr. William P. McGuire, Gloucester.  
Eighth District—Dr. T. C. Quirk, Falls Church.  
Ninth District—Dr. J. T. Graham, Wytheville.  
Tenth District—Dr. Marshall J. Payne, Staunton.

**Sermon to Red Men.**  
Special services were held yesterday morning at Venable Street Baptist Church, where the pastor, Rev. C. E. Stuart, delivered a sermon to the Red Men. Members of the organization met during the morning at the wigwam of Pawnee Tribe, No. 53, on Twenty-fifth Street, between Broad and Marshall, and proceeded in a body to the church, where seats were reserved.

## PICKS POCKETS AS TAFT SPOKE

Sipp's Purse Lifted, While Lexington Hotel Guest Lost \$80 in Cold Cash.

Some of Judge Taft's hearers suffered grievously Saturday night at the hands of pickpockets, who are evidently following the presidential candidate.

Mr. C. S. Sipp, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, reported that his purse was taken from him, and that he was \$5 or \$6 the loser. His pocketbook was found yesterday, with most of his valuable papers, scattered about in the vicinity of the Horse Show Building. Another man, a guest in the Lexington Hotel, is reported to have lost \$80, and others are said to have lost smaller amounts.

The crowd Saturday night was tremendous, and the "regulars" had ample opportunity to make good hauls and escape. It seems that a party of the light-fingered gentry is traveling behind the Republican candidate, and, of course, is traveling incognito. Some might suspect them of being campaign collectors, but the police hold another view.

People have been warned time and again that the hip-pocket is the worst one in which to carry purses, for it is the most popular of the pickpocket's general make his haul. The others are much harder to get at.

There may be other complaints to-day, but it will do little good, as the party, pickpockets included, left for Washington Saturday night.

Captain E. J. Dyer, of Boston, who is visiting Sergeant Qtey and other friends in the city, lost an elaborately embellished Shriners pin, at the Taft meeting, but he does not know whether it was stolen or simply lost. The pin was presented to him some years ago. On its back are inscribed the words: "Presented to E. J. Dyer by members of the Arab Patrol, Aleppo Temple, Boston." The finder may return the badge to Captain Tomlinson at the City Hall, who will see that it is given to its proper owner.

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## PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Finance Committee to Act on Report of Building Inspector This Week.

Action will be taken by the Council Committee on Finance in reference to the fire protection of the public schools, along the lines recommended by Building Inspector Beck and to which attention was recently called by special message from Mayor Richardson. The report and message have been referred to a subcommittee on finance, headed by Captain Morgan R. Mills. During the past few weeks the committee has been inspecting the various buildings in company with a committee from the City School Board. It is probable that immediate action will be recommended in the case of the buildings most urgently in need of repairs and an effort will be made to have this work done during the Christmas holidays.

In several of the buildings the inspector recommends changing the staircases to afford a safer egress in the event of panic or fire.

Mayor Richardson has expressed the greatest interest in seeing that the safety of the children entrusted by their parents to the city's charge during school hours is safeguarded by every proper precaution.

Developments in the matter of the settling basin flume may be expected on Wednesday night at a meeting of the Water Committee, when there may be an answer from the Crooke Construction Company to the demand made by Superintendent Davis, of the Water Department, that the flume be put in order at once. Thursday night the new special committee on the James River Free Bridge meets for preliminary organization.

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## NORDICA TO SING "DIXIE" FOR VETS

Prima Donna Invites Inmates of Soldiers' Home to Hear Concert Free To-Night.

CHARMED WITH RICHMOND

After Long Drive, Noted Singer Refers to Patriotism of Those Who Honor Heroes.

Fresh from a drive through Richmond and the surrounding country, Madame Lillian Nordica, who will sing at the Academy of Music to-night, was enthusiastic in her praises of the city and the beauties of the suburbs during Indian summer. She arrived in the city Saturday night, and is spending her time at the Jefferson Hotel. Contrary to the wishes of her personal representative, Mr. W. F. Channey, the greater part of the day was passed out of doors, but those who hear her to-night will no doubt testify to the fact that her throat has not suffered from the exposure.

"I have spent most of the day going over this beautiful city," she said at the Jefferson last night. "I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed myself. Besides going around the city, we went far into the country, and each seems almost perfect in its own way in this magnificent weather."

"The thing that strikes me most, however, is the way that the Southern people are especially here in Richmond, raise statues to their heroes. It is a demonstration of patriotism that one rarely sees in other parts of the country. I told a friend in New York not long ago that in this respect Richmond was far ahead of the South."

**Talks of Her Conservatory.**  
Asked about her proposed conservatory on the Hudson for the training of American girls for the grand opera, Madame Nordica laughed. "If you get me to talking on that subject I fear I should keep you here all night, except that Mr. Channey would force me to stop."

"It has been the dream of my life for the last fifteen years, and just now it seems that my dreams will be fully realized, so I am very enthusiastic. Long ago I purchased forty Wagon Land at Harmon-on-Hudson, where the institution is to be located. Work on the buildings has already commenced, in fact, the administration building is now nearly completed. The other buildings will soon follow."

"Having experienced all of the difficulties of a young singer in my own career, my crowning desire has been that aspiring young singers may have the opera house far into the future, the United States, musical training, or, perhaps, superior to that which they are now obliged to go abroad to obtain. If my plans are successful, and there is now every indication that they will be, the conservatory will be as well equipped for the concert stage as though they had spent years in Germany at great expense."

"The general plan of the institution will be similar to that of the famous opera house at Bayreuth, Germany, which is the Mecca of every artist of the concert stage. Besides the administration building there will be a large hall for the opera, the festival house, the music school and a number of smaller buildings for the use of students and professors."

"The corps of teachers will be the very best and most talented that can be had here, and the students will be the best of the opera world. They will be American artists for the fundamental idea is that it is an American school for the training of American singers. The students will be trained in the opera, the different languages, and should take their places with the best in the world."

"After the completion of the opera house, concerts will give from time to time, which will include the opera just as they are sung in other countries. It is planned also that a number of the masterpieces shall be translated and sung there in English. In this way the opera of the world may be an American Bayreuth, where one may enjoy the grand opera in one's own country by the best artists in the world."

**Wants Soldiers' Home.**  
Though at much greater expense, Madame Nordica is carrying out her plan of being thoroughly American in the personnel of her company. Mr. Nordica, her husband, is a native of Boston, and Miss Emma Showers, her pianist, is a native of Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Channey, her personal representative, was born in this city.

Which to Honor General Armstrong. The movement started some time ago through the columns of The Times-Dispatch by Rev. James E. Polindexter towards raising a sum with which to have a portrait of General Lewis A. Armstrong painted and hung on the walls of the R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, has so far met with much success, and there now remains but a small sum to be raised in order to complete the amount necessary for the portrait.

Members of the Armstrong family from all parts of the country and Confederate veterans of Richmond have been asked to contribute to the fund. A brigade in Pickett's Division at Gettysburg, and fell just inside the Union lines at the high water mark of the famous charge. It is one of the few brigades of the Confederate army whose picture is not in the Lee Camp collection.

**Caught in Newport News.**  
John Roland, colored, who is wanted here on a charge of felonious assault on Samuel Minor on July 23d, has been captured in Newport News, and is being held in that city. Detective Sergeant McMahon will bring him back to-day.

**Fainted on Street.**  
Amelia Ross, colored, caused a stir of excitement at Seventh and Broad Streets early last night, when she fainted and fell full length on the sidewalk. It was thought at first that she was dead. She revived after a few minutes, and was taken home in the city ambulance by Dr. Hoskins.

**Free Admission to School-Children in Afternoon—Musical Program To-Night.**

St. Peter's merry carnival will reopen to-night with a whirl of pleasure and excitement, for the second and last week of its course. The interest in the various contests is intense, and the activity will be renewed with vim to-night by the friends of the contestants.

All the booths have received valuable and useful donations during the past week, and the tables will present a more attractive appearance than at the opening of the carnival.

The following selections will be rendered to-morrow by the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Band:

March, "Richmond" overture, "Panay for Thoughts"; "Birds and Brooks"; "Moonlight in Dixie"; Adeline waltz; march, "Fairmount"; overture, "Blind Boone"; waltz, "Dreaming"; two-step, "Money Boy"; waltz, "Smiley"; two-step, "Afraid to Go Home in the Dark"; finale, "Star-Spangled Banner." The band will be under the direction of Chief Musician W. J. Lewis.

Some misunderstanding has occurred about the attendance of school children during the afternoons from 2 to 6 P. M. The management of the carnival announces that the carnival is open to all school children of Richmond and Manchester, both public and private schools, free of charge, with or without parents or guardians. Special attractions have been provided for the children.

The regular program for to-night will consist of instrumental musical selections by Professor Philip de Coster and wife, and by Dr. William J. Cowardin.

Many beautiful works of art and valuable articles will be auctioned off to the highest bidder each evening during this week.

**Many Apply for Appointment on City's Fire Fighting Force, Soon to Be Made.**

Canvassing is becoming active for a number of positions to be filled by the Fire Board at its meeting on the first Monday in November. Early in November two new engine companies will be put into commission, one at Strawberry and Cary Streets, in Clay Ward, and one on North Twenty-eighth Street, in Marshall Ward, the two having been erected and equipped out of the fund set aside for expenditure in the annexed territory.

At its last meeting the Fire Board selected the men for these two new engines, taking experienced men from the older companies in different parts of the city. These vacancies are now to be filled, most of the positions being claimed by the call men on the extra list. The equipment of the two new companies will mark a step in advance for a number of men in the service, and will make twelve full equipped engine companies ready for fighting any general conflagration that may occur. In the event of a general alarm the engines in the annexed territory will be drawn in to guard the Eastern and Western sections of the city while all of the present apparatus is centred on the main fire.

**TO SECURE PORTRAIT**  
Veterans Subscribe for Fund With Which to Honor General Armstrong.

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